

CONGRATULATING MS. TRUDE TRUDELL FOR RECEIVING THE NAACP TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. STEVAN PEARCE

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

Mr. PEARCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Holloman Middle School teacher Ms. Trude Trudell. Ms. Trudell's hard work and dedication have earned her the Otero County, New Mexico, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP, Teacher of the Year award. It is her devotion to her students that earned her this tremendous honor. Good teachers like Ms. Trudell inspire the young minds of this country and shape our youth.

Ms. Trudell was a member of the military before becoming a teacher. Yet she has said that teaching is the toughest job she has ever held.

Ms. Trudell's work has made a tremendous impact on the lives of students in Otero County. An education is an open door to the future for our children, and teachers have a key role in helping open that door for our children. Without great educators like Ms. Trudell, our children would not be prepared to enter the economy of the future. It is also teachers like Ms. Trudell who take pride in their work and use their own ambition to drive students to succeed.

This award is a reflection of Ms. Trudell's commitment to making an impact on the lives of each and everyone of her students. Her top priority is preparing her students for the future, and for that on behalf of the people of the New Mexico, I want to thank her for her service. Teachers like Ms. Trudell give us all hope for a better future for America.

HONORING JOSHUA DEAN SLUGANTZ

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joshua Dean Slugantz of Kansas City, MO. Joshua is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1155, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Joshua has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Joshua has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Joshua Dean Slugantz for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING COACH T.J. SOMERS FOR COACHING THE NEWARK HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM TO WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION I STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Coach T.J. Somers showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and

Whereas, T.J. Somers was a leader and mentor for the Newark High School Boys' Basketball Team; and

Whereas, Coach Somers has been a role model for sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Coach T.J. Somers for leading the Newark High School Boys' Basketball Team to winning the Boys' Division I State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and leadership he has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 Basketball season.

TRIBUTE TO ANHUESER-BUSCH COMPANIES FOR THEIR EXEMPLARY ACHIEVEMENT OF MAKING FORTUNE MAGAZINE'S LIST OF AMERICA'S MOST ADMIRABLE COMPANIES

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay congratulations to Anheuser-Busch Companies for their exemplary achievement in being named first among beverage companies in Fortune magazine's America's Most Admired Companies. Anheuser-Busch has been headquartered in Saint Louis, Missouri, since its establishment in 1860, and has successfully served the community since that time. I am proud to represent Anheuser-Busch's dedicated employees in the Saint Louis community who work hard to continually raise the bar for beverage companies worldwide.

Anheuser-Busch topped Fortune magazine's list of global beverage companies for the fifth consecutive year, rating first overall and first in eight of the nine categories considered: quality of products and services, people management, quality of management, innovation, social responsibility, financial soundness, long-term investment, and use of corporate assets.

Anheuser-Busch also has several other distinctions in this global list. Among every company surveyed, which was more than 350 global companies spanning 26 industries, Anheuser-Busch ranked number one for quality of products and services and number two for social responsibility. Anheuser-Busch should also be applauded for its efforts to promote diversity in its workforce, as well as in the communities that it serves. Their commitment to being in the community, as well as of

the community, has led Anheuser-Busch to support community-based organizations in efforts to inform, advance, and sustain their diverse communities.

Contributing to the community and social responsibility have been very important actions for Anheuser-Busch since the company's beginnings, and the organization has quickly become a global industry leader in promoting responsibility. Since 1982, Anheuser-Busch and its nationwide network of more than 600 wholesalers have spent more than \$675 million on developing more than two dozen alcohol awareness and education programs and initiatives designed to help prevent all forms of alcohol abuse, including illegal underage drinking and drunk driving. Working together with parents, educators, State and Federal regulators, law enforcement officials, and many others, Anheuser-Busch has continued its long-standing commitment to being part of the solution to these issues.

Anheuser-Busch has also dedicated its facilities to operating in a sustainable and environmentally responsible manner. At the Saint Louis area Anheuser-Busch brewery, more than 99 percent of the solid waste that is created is recycled. In addition, brewery water use has been cut by nearly 20 percent since 1990 and by more than 7 percent in the last 5 years, saving 4.7 billion liters of water.

In times of crisis for the American people, Anheuser-Busch has established a reputation of being part of the recovery by providing a helping hand to our friends in their time of need. This tradition of giving began in 1906, when Aldolphus Busch donated funds to help San Francisco earthquake victims. More recently, Anheuser-Busch has donated drinking water and made monetary donations to the American Red Cross to aid in hurricane relief efforts in the Gulf Coast in 2005, as well as to wildfire relief efforts in California in 2007 and to tornado relief efforts in the South earlier this year. Since 1988, Anheuser-Busch has provided nearly 63.5 million cans of drinking water to various relief efforts.

From these many examples, it is clear that Anheuser-Busch has rightfully earned the distinction of being named first among beverage companies as Fortune magazine's America's Most Admired Companies. I am proud to have worked directly with the dedicated employees of Anheuser-Busch in both Saint Louis, Missouri, as well as here in Washington, DC. I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in congratulating Anheuser-Busch for this extraordinary accomplishment and for their continued dedication to serving the American people.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, on rollcall 161, H.J. Res. 70, I was not present. If I had been there, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall 162, H.R. 2464, I was not present. If I had been there, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall 163, S. 793, I was not present. If I had been there, I would have voted "yea."